

I am very frustrated that our telephone companies are able to charge so many seperate fees for their service. When I question them they say that the FCC requires them to do this. In the best interest of consumers, the telephone company should be required to advertise the price of their service as the final price. Many consumers feel as I do -- annoyed with a long list of new charges and frustrated with trying to compare prices when shopping for telecommunications service. Phone bills should be truthful, easy to read and easy to understand. Instead, the long distance and wireless bills are filled with surcharges with misleading names that imply the line items are mandated by law, when they are not. Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. These add-ons make the advertised price of service significantly less than the amount of the check I have to write each month to pay the! bill. Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices. Thanks your for looking out for us common consumers. George Hagge 716 Second Ave Ne Waseca, MN 56093-3356